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No. 350.

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

RACE SADDLES.

JOCKEY WHIPS.

PONY HARNESS.

RACING SCARVES.

HATS, IN NEWEST SHADERS.

KID GLOVES.

FRENCH SHOES AND BOOTS.

LATEST HOSIERY AND SHIRTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1883. [296]

Insurances.

YANGTSZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) ... Ts. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE ... Ts. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND ... Ts. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 8th ... Ts. 940,553.95
May, 1882.

DIRECTORS.
H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PINCKOVSKY, Esq. | W. MEYERINK, Esq.
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MESSRS. RUSSELL & CO., Secretaries,
LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & CO.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the
UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually dis-
tributed among all Contributors of Business (who-
ever Shareholders or not) in proportion to the
premia paid by them.

RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN and FOREIGN
SHIPPING.
Agents.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED) \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333-33.
RESERVE FUND \$70,585.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LEE YAT LAU, Esq.
LO YEK MOON, Esq. | CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at
CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [60]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr.
HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE and
Mr. JOHN GORDON TALBOT-HASSELL in
Our Firm has Ceased and it is Closed in Hong-
kong from This Date. Mr. DALRYMPLE being
Authorised to Sign "In Liquidation" in
Hongkong.

BIRLEY & CO.

1st March, 1883.

MR. KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS and
Mr. JAMES LYON PLAYFAIR SAN-
DESON are This Day admitted PARTNERS
in Our Firm at Canton and Foochow.

BIRLEY & CO.

1st March, 1883.

MR. HENRY GIBSON DALRYMPLE
acts as Correspondent of Messrs. BIRLEY
& CO. here, and has commenced Business under
the style of BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & CO.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [66]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 14th day of March, 1883, at 3 P.M.,
on the Premises.

LOT 1.—The HOUSES Nos. 38 and 40, in
Queen's Road Central and Stanley Street,
(at present occupied by Messrs. GAUPP &
Co. and Messrs. MODY & Co.) measuring
6,167 square feet. Yearly Crown Rent
\$22,111.18.

LOT 2.—The HOUSES Nos. 42 and 44, (occupied
by Messrs. MARTY, ULLMANN, and Messrs.
RAVNAK & Co.) in Queen's Road and
Stanley Street, measuring 4,873 square feet.
Yearly Crown Rent \$17,161.14. Registered in
the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 6.
For Particulars and Conditions of Sale,
Apply to

J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [167]

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

H A S JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING
NEW AND IMPORTANT BOOKS.

Seebohm's Siberia in Asia.

Ledger's The Sun and its Planets.

Prof. Seely's Natural Religion.

Froude's Short Studies, 4th vol.

Wilson's Chapters on Evolution.

Crane's Art and Taste.

Ruff's Guide to the Turf.

Famous Racing Men.

Mongredien's Wealth Creation.

Williams' Science in Short Chapters.

Turner's Studies in Russian Literature.

Hudson's Scamper through America.

JUVENILE BOOKS IN GREAT VARIETY.

PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS FOR CABINETS ONLY.

W. BREWER,

QUEEN'S ROAD.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 4 per cent., being \$5
per SHARE, for the six months ending
30th December last, declared at TO-DAY'S

Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting will be Payable
at HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY NEXT

the 9th inst., and Shareholders are requested to

apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's

Office No. 14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1883. [187]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are
requested to send in a Statement of Business
Contributed during the half year ended
December 31st, 1882, or before March 31st,

on which date the accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1883. [188]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th March,

1883, at 3.30 P.M.

By Order,

E. GEORGE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1883. [184]

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that, under the
Provisions of the Articles of Association
of the Society, an EXTRAORDINARY MEET-
ING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Office of the Society, Pedder's Wharf, Victoria,
Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of
March, 1883, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, when the
subjoined Special Resolution was "passed at
the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS of the Society held on SATURDAY,
the 3rd day of March, 1883, will be submitted
for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

That the Regulations of the Society shall be
altered, by the existing Articles of Association
of the Society, numbered from 1 to 165 inclusively,
being cancelled and expunged from amongst the
Regulations of the Society, and that the Articles
of Association, numbered from 1 to 165 inclusively,
shall be adopted and become, and be the
Regulations of the Society from and after the 17th
day of March A.D. 1883, in lieu of and to the
exclusion of all Deeds of Settlement, Articles of
Association, Resolutions, Bye-laws or other Re-
gulations whatsoever, now or heretofore, in any
way binding or obligatory upon the said Society
or Shareholders thereof.

By Order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1883. [185]

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the Advertisement (No. 404) Signed "Mrs. H. E. FALCONER" in the "DAILY PRESS" of the 5th instant, we are instructed by Mr. MATTHEW FALCONER, of the FIRM of Messrs. GEO. B. FALCONER & CO., to state that Mrs. H. E. FALCONER has NOT PURCHASED the INTEREST of the widow of the late MATTHEW FALCONER in the said FIRM, and that Mrs. H. E. FALCONER has NO INTEREST whatever in the FIRM of GEO. B. FALCONER & CO., Watchmakers and Jewellers, Hongkong.

BRERETON, WOTTON, & DEACON,
35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

6th March, 1883. [181]

FOR SALE CHEAP.

SEVERAL GOOD PONIES, suitable for Hacks, Carriage Ponies or Jumpers.

Apply to

R. FRASER-SMITH,

Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1883. [186]

NOTICE.

FOR VICTORIA B.C.

THE 3/3 L.I. I. Norwegian Barkentine

"PROFESSOR NORDENSKJOLD,"

Jensen, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1883. [194]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE American Bark

"C. B. HAZELTINE,"

Gilkey, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL &

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1883.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.
INVITE INSPECTION OF A WELL
SELECTED STOCK OF
FANCY CHRISTMAS
G O O D S ,
COMPRISING—
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS
IN GREAT VARIETY.

SWEETS AND CONFECTIONERY.
FANCY SATIN COVERED BOXES.
CUT GLASS TOILET BOTTLES.
CHRISTMAS CARD ALBUMS.
IVORY BACK HAIR BRUSHES.
SCIENTIFIC TOYS.

ATKINSONS, HENDRIES, AND LUBIN'S
PERFUMES.
& C., & C., & C.
A. S. WATSON & CO.,
CHIMISTS, DRUGGISTS,
AND
P E R F U M E R S .
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
ESTABLISHED 1841.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.
Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.
Arrangements have been made to publish *The Hongkong Telegraph* daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before Five o'clock will oblige at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1883.

As our readers are doubtless aware, the Shanghai Municipal Council hold their meetings in private. The members of the press are strictly excluded. It is difficult to understand on what reasonable grounds this antiquated absurdity—as it appears to us—can be maintained. The affairs of the municipality are surely public property; and it is reasonable to suppose have some interest for the community at large.

However, the members of the Council apparently think otherwise, and doubtless their opinions are of some value. We should really be obliged to anyone who could inform us of the presumed advantages to be obtained from the system of conducting the whole of the business of a municipality like Shanghai in secret, with closed doors.

Writing on this subject the *Mercury* says:

The Municipal Council have resolved to continue holding their weekly meetings in private. A joint application was made by the three daily papers for the admission of reporters to the Council's ordinary weekly meetings, and at yesterday's meeting the Council decided that they could not allow reporters to be present. What is done at these meetings that they are afraid to have reported? The principle of holding the meetings in secret is wholly indefensible. The "gravest allegations have been freely bandied about," but as we have not made a searching investigation such as the Watch Committee did in regard to the police force, we are not prepared to say that they are true, or the reverse. If the Council choose to place themselves in a false position, they must take the consequences. After the Council had refused to accept the Electric Light Co.'s tender, the Secretary of that Company wrote to the Council on the 17th January, pointing out a miscalculation in the number of gas lamps to be displaced by the electric lamps, and a consequent decrease of the extra expense as compared with the cost of gas lighting. This letter came before a meeting of the Council on the 22nd January—when electric shares were at Tls. 40—but was not published in their minutes as supplied to the newspapers till the 30th January. According to the minutes no action was taken on the Electric Light Co.'s letter of the 17th when laid before the meeting on the 22nd; the letter is merely published without comment a week after it had passed before the Council. A letter from the Council, dated 30th January, accepted the Electric Light Co.'s tender—when electric shares were at Tls. 42—but this letter was not published till the 28th February, by which time electric shares had risen to between Tls. 65 and Tls. 70. Now, the stock is really too small to suppose that any members of the Council were speculating in it; and we believe there are no stock-jobbers on the Council. We merely point out this coincidence as showing that it gives some ground for unpleasant things being said. It might be with a different class of Councillors, and some big speculation on hand, that this secret system of working would do a great deal of damage to public interests. We are happy to say we do not know of anything that impugns the honesty of the present or last year's Councillors; but if they conducted their business openly as other similarly constructed bodies do all over the world, it would be much better for themselves and the public too.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, March 9th.

FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR.

A French gunboat is stationed at Tamatave and four French frigates are on the North-Western coast of Madagascar; the Malagascars are much excited and are making war-like preparations.

MARCH 10TH.

DEMONSTRATION OF UNEMPLOYED WORKMEN IN PARIS.

A demonstration has been made in Paris by 5,000 workmen without employment but was dispersed by the police. Numerous arrests have been made.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Owing to extraordinary pressure on our space, our American mail telegrams have been crowded out.

MESSRS. GRANVILLE SHARP AND J. H. STEWART-Lockhart have been appointed Justices of the Peace.

MR. GEO. B. GLOVER, the new Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai, commenced his duties at that port on the 5th inst.

LIEUT. C. B. Vyvyan of "The Buffs" has succeeded Major Hamilton as aide-de-camp to His Excellency the Administrator.

We learn that the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship *Anconia* with the next English mail left Singapore for Hongkong at 5 p.m. on Saturday the 10th instant.

We observe from the London *Gazette* that Lieut.-Col. Andrew Geddes of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers has been promoted to the rank of Colonel.

The appointment of Mr. James Haldane Stewart-Lockhart as Superintendent of the Opium Revenue appears in the latest issue of the *Government Gazette*.

ACCORDING to a native Japanese paper the Tanigawa mine, Kagoshima *Ken*, owned by Mr. Shimadzu, a *kawazoku*, is said to yield an annual output of 500,000 yen.

A GOVERNMENT notification in the *Gazette* states that the Opium Dross Farm has been sold to Mr. Chan Shung, of No. 174, Queen's Road Central, for the residue of the year ending on the last day of February, 1884, for the sum of \$10,320.

H. B. M.'s Consul at Yokohama advertises that he will be glad to receive any information as to the present address of Mr. Harbord, a visitor to this country during the past summer, and who left, presumably by one of the American mails, in the autumn of last year.

AN INDIAN telegram says:—Sir John Pop Hennessy, K.C.M.G., who has been appointed to succeed Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G., in the Governorship of Mauritius, will leave England for that colony in April, in order to relieve Mr. Frederick Napier Broome, C.M.G., the Colonial Secretary, who has been administering the Government since the departure of Sir G. F. Bowen. Mr. Broome will then proceed to Western Australia, to which colony he has been appointed Governor.

SAYS THE HIIGO NEWS.—Lotteries, and in the East Manila swindle, possess a remarkable attraction for many people. A vernacular paper says that the craze has even spread to the priests here in Japan, and relates a story of one of these worthies who has regularly taken ticket in the Manila lottery since last April. So far the priest has been disappointed in his hopes of a return, and in order to propitiate the Gods he plunges into cold water every morning. He then prays vigorously for the big prize.

A RUSSIAN seaman, rejoicing in the name of Kanakino, was up before Captain Thomsett this morning on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and assaulting P.C. 31, with his own truncheon last evening. The rambunctious tar denied having struck the protector of the peace, but admitted the "snatching" of the "truncheon".

SAYS OUR RACY CONTEMPORARY THE SYDNEY BULLETIN.—We like plety—hot-plety. But we don't like sniffing, palmy plety. We can't see the use of it. Take now the annual report of the Young Men's Christian Association. This Society is vaguely supposed by mildly virtuous people to do a great deal of good. Here is the amount it has done in twelve months, according to its own showing:—Held prayer-meetings and lectures, engaged in conversation and prayer 650 times, distributed tracts, visited sick young men in gaol (We would like to know if these young men were members of the Y.M.C.A. before they got into gaol, or became so after. By the way, they didn't come to see us!) distributed tracts, helped 45 to situations, engaged in prayer, distributed tracts, gave 200 introductions to merchants and others (as many 45 got situations, it is to be presumed the introductions damned the rest), distributed 20,450 tracts and 96,000 slips, and hand-bills—and collected nearly eleven thousand pounds. There is a considerable amount of prayer and tract distribution to a very small quantity of solid charity about this account of a year's work. But the holy promoters did not fail to lay their hands upon the lure for all that. They never do. We will not condemn them in a hurry, however. Perhaps they made up in morals what they omitted in acts of practical good. If they did we want to see the fruit—we want to see the young men who will not tell a lie, who will not defraud their employers, who will not use filthy language, who will not get drunk, who will not injure one another to benefit themselves; and, in fact, who will make an honest effort never to do anything wrong. We don't see them in the Y.M.C.A. anyhow. Maybe they stay at home a good deal, and go to prayer-meetings the rest of the time, under which circumstances it is not surprising that we don't see them. We don't believe in the Y.M.C.A. And for this reason:—The trade on the river has been at a very low ebb, of late, and it was only yesterday that any considerable number of arrivals and departures took place. In regard to our communication with the Far East neither arrivals nor departures are reported. The berths at present are occupied by the following vessels:—*Atlanta*, s.s., to leave 28th Feb.; *Feronia*, s.s., to leave 30th of March; and *Iphigenia*, s.s., to leave 30th of April, all three for their usual routes to China, Penang, Singapore, &c.; *Pacari*, s.s., to leave 8th Feb. for Singapore, Saigon, and Manila; besides several English steamers for China and Japan, as well as two German boats for the Amoor, via Hongkong. There are no sailing vessels on the route for the East at present, from which it would appear that sailing vessels will soon disappear from the China trade.

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AMERICA is a Christian country. There are 60,000 coloured Baptists in the single State of Tennessee, and most of them can lift a chicken off the roost without winking it.

AMONG the professional reminiscences of Daniel O'Connell when at the Irish bar was the following unique instance of a client's gratitude. He had obtained an acquittal, and the fellow, "in the ecstasy of his joy, exclaimed: "Och, counselor! I've no way here to show your honor my gratitude, but I wish I saw you knocked down in my own parish, and may be I wouldn't bring a fact to the rescue."

FOR attempting to plunder the Dock Company of three bags of nails, a coolie named Lee Alum was this morning sent into the "Retreat" for a month's hard labor by Captain Thomsett. It would appear that Mr. Alum was very persistent in his endeavours to get away with the nails, having thrice tried to run the gauntlet with the property. The watchman stood the two first attempts in a very patient manner, merely preventing the theft, but on the third attempt he handed the enterprising Celestial over to the police.

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Commercial.

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Bank Bills, on demand 3/8
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Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

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SEA RIPPLE, British schooner, 187, A. Rickers, 10th March.—Freemantle 1st January, and Batavia 2nd February, Sandwood.—Siemens & Co.
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CYCLOPS, British steamer, 1,403, R. Jago, 10th March.—Amoy 9th March, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
SINDH, French steamer, 2,000, Lequerre, 11th March.—Marselles 4th February, Naples 6th, Port Said 10th, Suez 11th, Aden 16th, Colombo 24th, Singapore 4th March, and Saigon 7th, Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.
KWANTUNG, British steamer, 674, M. Young, 11th March.—Foochow 8th March, Amoy 9th, and Swatow 10th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.
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ALWINE, German steamer, 400, Thiesen, 11th March.—Canton 10th March, General.—Wieland & Co.
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LUTIN, French gunboat, Commander Rouvier, 12th March,—from a cruise.
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CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
Cassandra, German steamer, for Saigon.
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DEPARTURES.

March 11, Thales, British steamer, for Swatow, Rajanthalaukan, British steamer, for Swatow and Bangkok.
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March 12, Brutus, British steamer, for Straits Settlements.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per Venice, str., from London, &c.—Mr. Ed. Davis, and 166 Chinese.
Per Sea Ripple, from Freemantle, &c.—6 Chinese.

Per Feilung, str., from Bangkok—60 Chinese.
Per Sumida Maru, str., from Kobe, &c.—Mrs. Antoine, Mrs. Cabeddu and 4 children, Mr. Scott, 2 Europeans, 4 Japanese, and 11 Chinese.
Per Kwantung, str., from Fouchow, &c.—Messrs. Williams and Campbell, and 293 Chinese.
Per Optic, str., from San Francisco, &c.—Mrs. Thornton, Miss Rose, Wilson, and Williams, Messrs. W. H. Smith and son, Geo. W. Bailey, Drummond, Anderson, J. Vidal, and G. Carvalho, and 50 Chinese.
Per Peillo, str., from Shanghai—Mrs. Simoes and servant, Mr. Rodriguez Munoz, and 3 Chinese, for Hongkong, For Singapore—Messrs. C. Hardouin and Coghlan, For Marseilles—Rev. R. Sham and child, Messrs. James Hart, G. Galles, J. H. Montgomery, P. H. S. Montgomery, and H. A. E. Gardner.

Per Cyclops, str., from Amoy—630 Chinese.

Per Sinai, str., from Marseilles—For Hongkong—Mrs. Broughton, and Mr. Stuckmann.

From Colombo—Mr. and Mrs. Otto de Clermont, From Batavia—Mr. Van der Pol, From Singapore—Messrs. Ryland, R. A. Titch, Scales, MacLean, Pan Hing Cheng, and 11 Chinese, From Saigon—Rev. M. H. Henry, Joseph, Gérard, and 37 Chinese. For Shanghai—Misses Von Molendorff, and Calvarolo, Messrs. Haggé, Koné, Peto, Rosset, H. Vinay, and Dechevrennes, From Singapore—Mr. O. Goodwin. From Saigon—Mr. Guy de Couvallier. For Yokohama—Messrs. Anderson, Fullerton, and Lemière, from Marseilles. From Singapore—Mr. J. B. L. Bastide.

DEPARTED.

Per Fooksang, str., for Shanghai—4 Europeans and 132 Chinese.
Per Decina, str., for Saigon—100 Chinese.
Per Nam-vian, str., for Hoilow—2 European and 38 Chinese.
Per Vorwärts, str., for Saigon—100 Chinese.
Per Thales, str., for Swatow—2 European and 100 Chinese.
TO DEPART.

Per Cassandra, str., for Saigon—12 Chinese.
Per Atsue, str., for Chefoo—20 Chinese.
Per Herbert Black, for New York—4 Europeans.
Per Emma T. Crowell, for Yokohama—3 Europeans.

REPORTS.

The British steamship Cyclops reports left Amoy on the 9th instant at 3 p.m. Had fresh N.E. winds and fine clear weather.
The British steamship Felling reports left Bangkok on the 3rd instant. Experienced light winds and fine weather to Paracels 1, from thence to port had strong monsoon and heavy sea.
The British steamer Vento reports left London on the 10th January, and Singapore on the 12th instant. Had fine weather as far as the Parcels 1, thence had strong N.E. winds up to the Islands.
The British schooner Sea Ripple reports left Fremantle on the 10th January, and Batavia on the 2nd ultimo. Had light breezes and calms to Ballinlang; from thence had fresh breeze and moderate weather throughout.
The British steamship Kwangtung reports left Foochow on the 8th instant, Amoy on the 9th, and Swatow on the 10th. From Foochow to Amoy had strong N.E. breeze and cloudy weather. From Amoy to Swatow had fresh N.E. breeze and cloudy weather. From Swatow to Hongkong had moderate E.N.E. breeze and fine weather. In Amoy the steamship Canton. The steamships Halliong and Ping-pon left same day. In Swatow, the steamships Gloriosa, Venus, Cheung and Tomini.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

AKITSUSHIMA MARU, Japanese str., 1,146, Peter Hussey, 8th March.—Nagasaki 3rd March, Coal.—Mitsui Bishi M. S. S. Co.
ALWAY, British steamer, 366, F. D. Goddard, 9th March.—Taiwanfu 5th March, and Amoy 7th January.—D. Lapraik & Co.
BANGALORE, British steamer, 1,369, J. P. Hasell, 4th March.—Yokohama 24th February, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
DARLING, British steamer, 763, Horn, 1st March, Saigon 20th February, Rice.—Adamson, Bell & Co.
CARLOS, British steamer, 763, Horn, 1st March, Saigon 20th February, Rice.—Siemens & Co.
CRUSADER, British steamer, 647, T. Rowin, 13th November.—Saigon 7th November, Rice.—Chong Wo Cheung.
CASSANDRA, German steamer, 928, T. Wagner, 6th March.—Saigon 28th Feb., Rice.—D. Lapraik & Co.
CATHERINA II., Russian steamer, 810, W. Gollert, 9th March.—Saigon 4th March, Rice.—Soo Shing.
CRUSADER, British steamer, 647, T. Rowin, 13th November.—Saigon 7th November, Rice.—Chong Wo Cheung.
CRYSTAL, British steamer, 1,077, R. A. Darling, 5th March.—Calcutta 17th February, Sandheads 19th, Penang 24th, and Singapore 27th, Opium, Cotton, and General.—D. Lapraik & Co.
EMERALDA, British steamer, 305, G. Wright, 10th March.—Manila 7th March, General.—Russell & Co.
FAME, British steamer, 117, Stopani, (tug plying) Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
GODAVERY, French str., 815, de Maubeng, 6th March,—Aden 9th February, General.—Messageries Maritimes.
HUNGARIAN, British steamer, Alison, 14th Feb., Melbourne 10th January, Sydney 15th, and Thursday Island 31st, Coal.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
MADRAS, British steamer, 1,079, R. Jones, 1st March.—Bangkok 20th February, Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
MARMARA, German steamer, 1,137, J. G. Greig, 28th Feb.,—Bangkok 17th Feb., Sapawood and Rice.—Hop Hing.
MESMERIA, British steamer, 305, G. Wright, 10th March.—Manila 7th March, General.—Russell & Co.
NAME, British steamer, 117, Stopani, (tug plying) Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
RODERICK HAY, British bark, 290, P. H. Nicolson, 2nd March.—Yokohama 13th February, General.—Turner & Co.

HONGKONG—SAILING VESSELS. (Continued.)

ST. IDOUG, French bark, 388, J. Durand, 18th February, Quinhon 1st Feb., Ballast—Carlowitz & Co.
SIR WM. WALLACE, British bark, 968, T. R. Brown, 24th Feb.—Newcastle, N.S.W., 19th Dec., 30th Dec., Coal.—Captain.
VALPARAISO, German bark, 1,190, Alex. Smith, 4th Feb.—Sydney 5th Dec., Coal.—Adamson, Bell & Co.
TRI SINA, Austrian bark, 839, G. Cernovich, 4th Feb.—Newcastle, N.S.W., 19th Dec., 11,17 tons Coal.—Siemens & Co.
VALPARAISO, German bark, 486, Meyer, 6th March.—Iloilo 2nd October, Ballast—Melchers & Co.
WENSKY JEN, American ship, 1,668, H. Taylor, 26th Feb.—Cardiff 27th October, Coal.—Russell & Co.
WESTER, German bark, 916, H. Hellmers, 11th Jan., Cardiff 9th September, Coal.—Order.
W. H. BESSIE, American bark, 1,027, Baker, 7th March.—Newcastle 29th December, Coal.—Encounter, steam corvette, 14 guns, Captain G. Robinson, Hongkong.
Esk, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, In reserve, Hongkong.
Flying-Fish, sloop, 4 guns, Lieutenant-Commander Hosking, Hongkong.
Fly, double-screw gun-vessel, 4 guns, Commander J. Hope, Singapore.
Foxhound, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieutenant-Commander McQuhae, Sandakan.
Himalaya, British iron-ship, Captain Henry St. L. Pallier, en route Hongkong.
Kestrel, double-screw gun-vessel, 4 guns, Commander E. Holman, en route Shanghai.
Lily, screw gun-vessel, 3 guns, Commander Evans, Singapore.
Lynx, British gunboat, Commander C. P. Harris, Hongkong.
Magpie, surveying vessel, 4 guns, Lieutenant-Commander Carpenter, Kobe.
Midge, double-screw gun-vessel, In reserve, Hongkong.
Moors, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieutenant-Commander J. H. Corfe, Yokohama.
Pegasus, sloop, 6 guns, Commander E. F. Day, Hongkong.
Rodney, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieutenant-Commander M. Bridger, Shanghai.
Sherkond, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieutenant-Commander Swift, double-screw gun-vessel, 5 guns, Commander J. H. Collins, Canton.
Tweed, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, in reserve, Hongkong.
V. Emanuel, receiving ship, 20, guns, Commander E. Cuming, Hongkong.
Vigilant, paddle despatch-vessel, 2 guns, Lieutenant-Commander C. Lindsay, Hongkong.
Wivern, transport, 4 guns, in reserve, Hongkong.
Zephyr, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieutenant-Commander Pollard, Shanghai.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Albatross, screw sloop, 4 guns, Commander Erington, Hongkong.
Audacious, double-screw iron frigate, Captain R. E. Tracey, Hongkong.
Champion, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Russell S. G. Pasley, Singapore.
Cleopatra, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Hippisley, Shanghai.
Curacao, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Robinson, Hongkong.
Daring, composite sloop, 4 guns, Commander F. J. Elliott, Kobe.
Encounter, steam corvette, 14 guns, Captain G. Robinson, Hongkong.
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For Singapore.—Per Easington, to-day, the 12th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Tientsin, and Newchwang.—Per Alice, to-day, the 12th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Chefoo, Tientsin, and Newchwang.—Per Alice, to-day, the 12th instant, at 10:30 A.M.
For Saigon.—Per Bivona, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 11 A.M.
For Manila.—Per Esmeralda, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 4:30 P.M.
For Amoy.—Per Diamante, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Yokohama.—Per Venice, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow.—Per Kwangtung, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Straits Settlements.—Per Moray and Crystal, on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 2:30 P.M.
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